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SUBJECT: GDR TREATMENT OF ISRAELI INCURSION INTO
SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. EAST GERMAN MEDIA HAVE PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS IN
REPORTING ON, AND CONDEMNING, ISRAELI ATTACKS IN
SOUTHERN LEBANON. EXTENSIVE AND REPETITIVE COVERAGE
HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE SIZE AND INTENSITY OF THE OPERATION,
THE DAMAGE AND SUFFERING WHICH IT HAS CAUSED AND THE
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RESULTING CONDEMNATIONS IN THE ARAB WORLD AND ELSEWHERE.
IN CONTRAST, THE GDR PRESS VIRTUALLY BURIED THE STORY
OF THE AL FATAH RAID WHICH PROVOKED THE INCURSION,
DESCRIBING IT BRIEFLY AS "A MILITARY ACTION AGAINST TWO
VEHICLES" WITHOUT MENTION OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.

2. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OF MARCH 17 REPORTS THAT THE DEPUTY

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, GRUNERT, RECEIVED SEPARATELY
THE LEBANESE AMBASSADOR TO INFORM HIM OF THE GDR'S
CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI ACTION AND THE CHIEF OF
THE PLO OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN TO AFFIRM THE GDR'S
"SOLIDARITY WITH THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE".

3. PERHAPS IN PART AS A RESULT OF THIS CURRENT ATTENTION
TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE PALESTINIANS, THE PLO EXHIBIT
AT THE LEIPZIG FAIR HAS BEEN RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE
ATTENTION AND INTEREST FROM EAST GERMAN FAIR VISITORS.
FROM OUR OBSERVATIONS, IT APPEARS THAT, WITHIN THE
PAVILION CONTAINING NATIONAL EXHIBITS, THE PLO'S
HAS BEEN SECOND ONLY TO THE U.S. IN THE NUMBER OF
VISITORS. BOLEN

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